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Chief, Economic Research

Review of Study "China's New Solution: Intensified Agriculture Through Collectivization"

25X1A9a 1. At long last the subject paper and the comments of the responsible Economic Research Area analyst, have come forward. It is unfortunate that neither [redacted] nor I knew that the paper had been submitted late in August, as it could have been commented on without going into the detail contained in the attachment.

2. I have reviewed the paper and the comments and have concluded that the thesis presented, while interesting, is inaccurate. It would seem to me that the only part which could be published without substantial scrubbing up is the section dealing with regional progress in collectivization, omitting the political conclusions. Without necessarily subscribing in detail to each statement made in the paper, the thrust of the argument seems clear in establishing the case against non-publication of the bulk of the paper.

3. I am sorry to have reached such a gloomy conclusion and apologize again for the inordinate amount of time this review has taken.

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Attachment

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27 Nov 1956 -- Original & 1 of this memo (along with [redacted] comments and Draft paper) forwarded to Chief, D/GG; [redacted] this 25X1A9a date with this comment on buckslip: 25X1A9a

Jay and George,

Returned herewith is report and [redacted] comments and their conclusion about the future of the report. Where do you suggest we go from here? Jim